

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An electronic still camera comprising:
a sensor for capturing images;
a first memory for storing images;
a second memory for storing a network configuration file, said network configuration file containing instruction information for communicating with a selected destination via a communications interface;
means for loading the network configuration file into the second memory; and
a user interface for selecting an image destination and for commanding the camera to send the image to the selected destination via the communications interface, using the information in the network configuration file.
2. The camera as claimed in claim 1 wherein both first and second memories are memory locations on the same removable memory card.
3. The camera as claimed in claim 1 wherein the second memory permanently resides in the camera and can be loaded with the network configuration file from a host PC.
4. The camera as claimed in claim 1 wherein the communications interface connects to PSTN (Public Switched Telephone Network).
5. The camera as claimed in claim 1 wherein the communications interface connects to ISDN.
6. The camera as claimed in claim 1 wherein the communications interface connects to an RF cellular phone network.
7. The camera as claimed in claim 1 wherein the communications interface connects to a data network such as Ethernet.
8. The camera as claimed in claim 1 wherein the communications interface is located internal to the camera.

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9. An electronic still camera comprising:
a sensor for capturing images;
a first memory for storing images;
a second memory for storing a network configuration file, said network configuration file containing instruction information for communicating with a plurality of destinations via a communications interface;
means for loading the network configuration file into the second memory; and
a user interface for selecting an image destination and for commanding the camera to send the image to the selected destination via the communications interface, using the information in the network configuration file.

10. The camera as claimed in claim 9 wherein the user interface displays a plurality of descriptive icons representative of the plurality of destinations, and selection is made by reference to at least one of the icons.

11. A method for directing the automatic transmission of images from an electronic camera, said method including the steps of:
providing network configuration information, including user account name and password, online service or internet service provider (ISP) phone number, and communications port settings; and
storing the network configuration information in the memory of an electronic still camera.

12. The method as claimed in Claim 11 further comprising the steps of:
using the network configuration information to connect the camera to the online service or ISP;
transferring pictures and data from the camera to the online service or ISP; and
transferring pictures and data from the online service or ISP to the camera.

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